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SUBJECT: THAI SUGAR CONTRACT

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1. REPRESENTATIVE OF M GOLODETZ AND COMPANY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT DESPITE "GENEROUS" CONCESSIONS BY CONTRACTORS LATE INFORMATION INDICATES THAI GOVERNMENT MAY NOT HONOR NEW COMMITMENTS BECAUSE OF PRESSURES FROM LOCAL SUGAR PRODUCERS AND OTHER FINANCIALLY INTERESTED PARTIES. GOLODETZ WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CONTACT BANJURD CHOLVICHARN AT THAI SUGAR AND EXPRESS OUR OFFICIAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THIS APPROACH UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES AN OBJECTION.

2. ACCORDING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE HERE, THERE APPEARS TO BE STRONG COMPETITION FROM JAPANESE FIRMS TO SECURE THAI SUGAR SUPPLIES. IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RTG DESIRE TO INCREASE SUGAR EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES UNDER QUOTA AND BRING BETTER BALANCE IN BILATERAL

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TRADE ACCOUNT, ACTIONS WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT EXCLUDE OR

REDUCE US BUYERS PARTICIPATION IN THAI SUGAR MARKET WOULD
APPEAR CONTRARY TO FORMER POLICY. KISSINGER

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